

The freezing weather, now prevailing, aggravates the already terrible condition of the roads and emphasizes the importance of a system of road construction and road working that looks to the work of proper drainage as overcoming washes and ruts.

McLaurin is now classed with Wellington who openly declared that the murder of President McKinley made no difference with him. Senator McLaurin must look to the Republicans for help and association, being ignored by his own party altogether.

The Pickens County Commissioners attending the Goods Roads Exhibit of the Southern Railway in a body. They will doubtless be impressed more than ever with the importance of the most serious problem before them, and all being men of good judgment and live to home interests will more than likely turn their observations to good account.

What the Schley court of investigation could not do was to bring in a finding to the effect that Schley showed cowardice at the battle of Santiago, though it is evident that all possible effort was made to minimize the glory of his victory through strictures on his conduct. After all Schley had won his war; the real verdict was written in the opinion of the people long before an investigation was thought of and the people are with Admiral Schley.

Those were appropriate services, held in the Baptist church Sunday night, welcoming Rev. Abner, the incoming Methodist pastor for the Pickens circuit. It evidences the spirit of unity that prevails among all religious denominations in Pickens and gives earnest of the effective work promised through cooperative endeavor. The Christian forces are all working for one end, and it is pleasant to see brethren harmoniously working together.

FARMING DEFENDED.

In an article entitled "For the Boys" which appeared in the issue of this paper for the 28th Nov, some severe criticism was made upon farm life. I agree with many statements made by the writer, especially the one containing the central thought, namely that of persuading a boy to become a farmer, just to keep him at home. For no other object than to keep him at home, no boy should be induced to farm. Still the advantages of farm life should be pointed out to him in a fair and impartial way. He should not be prejudiced against farming by extolling the good of other occupations and denigrating that of agriculture. After a fair knowledge of all professions are in his possession, he can then decide for himself.

... appeal to boys to remain on the farm for the reason that an intelligent and industrious farmer always succeeds. The idea is to induce boys to devote themselves, then, apply their knowledge to farming industries, and so raise the standard of country life. Certainly this should be so; certainly there can be no serious objection to this idea certainly, even the writer himself could be converted to the idea since in his own article, he too says to

ought to be educated, smart, and a disgrace to the country which owns him. I am unable to say. The next criticism I wish to call attention to is that made by the influence of farming on the intellect. The writer says that "nothing develops the human mind like difficulties." True; but hold, it is to take your evidence, does not a farm furnish "difficulties" enough to make a veritable Solomon of every poor man of soul? "Experience teaches many things contrary to theory." Let us apply this. Your theory is that farm life in not produce great minds. Experience teaches that it does. Does not history show that more great men have hailed from farming than from any other occupation? Who is regarded as the ading man in our own state to-day? A farmer. Truly, "experience teaches many things contrary to theory." As a matter of fact, every farmer to succeed, must possess certain business qualities, especially those of judgment and executive ability. Judgment is required, because the farmer in his relation to his employees is frequently called upon to decide questions more or less perplexing in their nature, and success in business requires that he be able to judge aright the merits of different measures and methods. Executive ability is required because the farmer must constantly be planning suitable to the season. In no

... to the... of common sense... aretor of his business... these abundant opportunity for the development thereof. Again, the winter says that many ink "farm life the easiest lot one could sh," and adds, "if that is so, is not its most desirable end the one most to be sought?" He himself, however, declares it "farm work is the roughest man 2 encounter," then asks, "why urge a y into agricultural pursuits?" So the y must leave the farm, if the work is y, and leave it's hard. Instead of farming the boy is advised seek the "mills, factories, machine ry" and countless others industrial "all of which are paying for his hand and active brains." This is true, but does not farming also pay

"skilled hands and active labor." But all hands are not "skilled" and all labor is not "active" and such is not necessarily the lot of the common laborer, which is an average of about one dollar per day, continued confinement, regular routine work day after day (no mental development here), and the making of himself into a mere machine. Wherein are there advantages, if advantages they be superior to those offered by the farm? Lastly, "let the boy go where he must hustle, and I'll guarantee he will never ask for alms or be looked up for vagrancy." When a boy engages in the "roughest work man has to encounter," he's pretty apt to be a hustler, and there fore, we have the writer's word for it, a farm boy "will never ask for alms or be looked up for vagrancy." But even without this timely assurance, I must admit I've never been uneasy about farm boys. It is a new idea abroad in the land, that, which brands the farm boy as the embryo tramp. No land has ever had cause to fear injury from its farming classes. William Jennings Bryan said, "Burn down your cities and leave your farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic," but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in this country." The farmers have always been regarded as the foundation stone of society, and unhappy will be the day when an effort is made to deprive the country of those who feed and clothe it. S. M. Robertson.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA }
County of Pickens. }

In Common Pleas court.
In pursuance of an order of foreclosure made in the following named case and on file in the clerk's office at Pickens C. H., S. C., I will sell to the highest bidder at Pickens Court House S. C., on Saturday in January, 1902,

during the legal hours for sale, the following described real estate upon the terms herein after mentioned, to-wit:
J. W. Norwood Plaintiff,

vs.
Rutha Alexander et al Defendants.

Judgment of foreclosure.
1st. All that plantation on both sides of Crow Creek, adjoining lands of Robert Steel, Robert Stewart Joseph Price and others, containing two hundred (200) acres more or less, being the same tract of land that was conveyed to Mary Alexander, mother of the said Rutha Alexander, by Henry Grogan, on the 1st day of March 1855, as recorded in book "K" page 596.

2nd. All that plantation known as the Craig place, containing two hundred and twenty (220) acres more or less, adjoining lands of Art Craig John Stewart, Elsiea Alexander, T. P. Alexander, and others on which L. O. Alexander now lives the same tract being of the estate of E. B. Alexander, deceased.

3d. All of our interest in that tract of land on which we now live, containing six hundred and thirty-four (634) acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Wm. Craig, Thomas J. Powers, Benton Freeman, Allen Mauldin and others, the same having been inherited by us from the estate of Alex. Alexander, deceased.

Terms: One half cash on day of sale, balance on a credit of twelve months, the credit portion to be secured by a bond of the purchaser or purchasers and a mortgage of the premises sold, with leave to the purchaser or purchasers, to anticipate payment of the credit portion purchase or purchasers must comply with the term of the sale within one hour, or such of said tracts of land as there is a failure to comply with the terms of sale as to will be resold on the same day at the risk of the former purchaser. All a responsible purchaser be found.

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